



Dear Parents/Carers,
Autumn term is now firmly underway!
The weather is more unpredictable and it's probably a good time to remind you that children need to have a waterproof coat in school (named!!) in case of sudden inclement weather.

Reception children have settled in really well. Next week will be their first week in school full-time and the school community will be able to welcome them.

The new timetable is now fully embedded with lessons commencing at 9.00am, rather than at 9.20am following collective worship. Rev'd Liz will preside over her first afternoon assembly on Monday.

Please remember that at the start of a new term we are all here to listen and to help. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have any queries about class routines, and with the office if your enquiry is of a more general nature.

Keep us updated of any changes to addresses and of mobile numbers. Also please come and chat to us – confidentially – if there are issues/changes at home that you believe may impact on your child's emotional wellbeing.



Earrings...



Due to Essex health and safety guidance, all children must be able to remove earrings prior to PE. Pupils will be unable to participate until piercings are fully healed.

When considering piercings for your child, please ensure that these are undertaken at the start of a long holiday in order to allow time for the holes to heal! Thanks for your support.

Macmillan Cake afternoon..

On Friday September 27th we will be holding a 'tea and cake' fundraiser, 2pm - 3pm, for Macmillan, in the school hall.

All are welcome to attend!

At the end of the afternoon, our lovely PTA will be holding their first meeting of the year, so please stay and join us as the new year of fundraising activities is announced!

Free School dinners...

Reminder that children in Year 3 no longer automatically qualify for a universal infant free school meal. However, KS2 children may be entitled to a means tested free school meal. Please contact the school office for support on how to apply.



Toys through the ages



High excitement in Yr 1 this week as the new topic of *Toys through the Ages* was launched with 'bring your special toy to school for the day'.

Children had the chance to talk about their treasured possessions and what makes them so special.

The topic will continue to look at the earliest toys and games and how these have changed.



Water bottles in school

Please ensure that your child brings in a named, water bottle, so that he/she stays hydrated throughout the day. The bottle must contain water **and not juice!** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



HARVEST service...

Tuesday October 8th St Peter's Church, 2pm for a 2.15 start.

For our annual harvest appeal, we will be collecting items to be distributed to families and individuals in need, through the Braintree Food Bank. A letter has been sent out detailing more information.

Food glorious food..



Well done to our new EYFS Reception children as they tucked into their very first school lunch. The children were very sensible and ate their food with relish!



The value of Reading



Children who read more have a wider vocabulary, a better understanding of all subjects and develop a range of critical and analytical skills that have huge benefits throughout life.

Reading is key, and here at St Peter's we make no excuses for asking parents/carers to make time to read with their child every day.